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SUBJECT: COCOM PROCEDURE: REVISION OF MINIMUM SHIPMENTS
PROCEDURES

REFS: A. COCOM DOC. PROC. (75) 1, 3, AND 6

B. STATE 219396

SUMMARY: BELGIAN PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED BUT CANADIAN DEL
MADE COUNTERPROPOSAL FOR HIGHER VALUES WHICH WERE AC-
CEPTED BY ALL BUT GERMAN AND US DELS. IN ABSENCE OF
AGREEMENT ON UK REVISED WORDING, CHAIRMAN OFFERED AL-
TERNATIVE PROPOSAL WHICH ALL DELS ACCEPTED, USDEL AD REF.
ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS ON CANADIAN COUNTERPROPO-
SAL AND ON REVISED WORDING. END SUMMARY.

1. ALL DELS ACCEPTED BELGIAN PROPOSAL, BUT CANADIAN DEL
MADE COUNTERPROPOSAL FOR \$L,000 FOR PARAGRAPH 8(A),
\$4,000 FOR PARAGRAPH 8(B), AND \$8,000 FOR PARAGRAPHS 9
AND 10. (PRIVATELY HE TOLD USDEL THAT \$7,000 WOULD BE
ACCEPTABLE FOR 9 AND 10.) ONLY GERMAN AND US DELS RE-
SERVED ON THIS COUNTERPROPOSAL, OTHER DELS ACCEPTING IT.
FRENCH DEL THOUGHT PRESENT VALUES COULD EVEN BE
DOUBLED, AND REGARDED 50 INCREASE AS ALREADY OVERTAKEN
BY EVENTS.

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2. DISCUSSION TURNED TO QUESTION WHETHER BELGIAN VA-

LUES SHOULD BE PUT INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY OR HELD IN SUSPENSE PENDING DECISION ON THOSE PROPOSED BY CANADIAN DEL. UK ASKED THAT DATE BE SET FOR DISCUSSION OF LATTER. USDEL OFFERED PERSONAL OPINION THAT HIS AUTHORITIES MIGHT PREFER FIRST COURSE OF ACTION BECAUSE THEY WERE NOW PREOCCUPIED WITH PREPARATIONS FOR LIST REVIEW AND MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE PROPER CONSIDERATION TO CANADIAN VALUES UNTIL AFTER ITS CONCLUSION. UNDER URGING FROM CHAIRMAN AND OTHER DELS HE PROMISED TO OBTAIN HIS AUTHORITIES' VIEWS ON THIS POINT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. US AND SEVERAL OTHER DELS AGREED TO UK DEL'S REDRAFT (USDEL RESERVING ON DELETION OF IL 1781 FROM EXCEPTIONS) BUT BELGIAN DEL OFFERED ALTERNATIVE WORDING WHICH HE THOUGHT PREFERABLE AND UK DEL ACCEPTED IT. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION CHAIRMAN OFFERED A FORM OF COMPROMISE WHICH WOULD REVERSE ORDER OF SUBPARAGRAPHS A AND B OF EXISTING PARAGRAPH 8, AND ADD NEW PARAGRAPH C TO EFFECT THAT GOVERNMENTS MAY AUTHORIZE EXPORTS UNDER ITEMS 1548, 1555, 1559, AND 1781 NOT EXCEEDING \$3,300 PROVIDED THEY FOLLOW PROCEDURE SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 8A. COMMITTEE ACCEPTED THIS WORDING, USDEL AD REF.

4. ACTION REQUESTED:

A) INSTRUCTIONS ON WHETHER CANADIAN ALTERNATIVE VALUES ARE ACCEPTABLE NOW; IF NOT, VIEWS ON TIMING OF THEIR DISCUSSION;
B) AUTHORITY TO CONFIRM AD REF ACCEPTANCE OF ALTERNATIVE WORDING FOR PARAGRAPH 8 SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE. IT APPEARS TO ACCOMPLISH THE SAME END AS UK WORDING.

5. PROMPT INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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